

The e-Child Care Project- Feasibility Study Update

The e-Child Care Project is alive and well. We are re-configured as a team representing the key stakeholders, CSD, DCCEL, and ITD with Rob St. John as Project Director.

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We are completing the first step in the Project, the Feasibility Study. This is the “homework” that shows developing a new child care services system is feasible.

We will present the results of the Feasibility Study to the State’s Information Services Board (ISB) in January 05 for approval and go-ahead to develop a new child care services system.

What is the problem we are trying to solve?

Lack of standardized, accessible, and timely information to support the operations of ESA child care services leads to subsidy overpayments, lack of accountability, delay in services, and insufficient communication methods. This all compromises the health and safety of the children

What will the Feasibility Study do?

The e-Child Care Feasibility Study will analyze the viability and achievability of procuring a system that will:

- improve services delivery processes,
- enhance health and safety for children in child care,
- improve program integrity and accountability, and
- enhance program information and intelligence

for Washington State’s ESA child care services.

How are the Key Stakeholders Involved in the Feasibility Study?

The Key Stakeholder representatives from CSD, DCCEL, and ITD have been involved in focus group discussions and interviews for the e-Child Care Feasibility Study.

They are also being asked to review and give comments on the work and documents that comprise the Feasibility Study. There will be a series of documents to give input on for the next several months.

Through consistent on going involvement of the key stakeholder representatives, the e-Child Care Project will develop a child care services system that meets everyone’s needs and the goals of the system.